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Time to shine

Gleaming ice brings 100,000 visitors to Plymouth

James Geitzen hasn't changed his mind.

The president of JAG Entertainment, who produces the Plymouth Ice Festival, still has a favorite event of the weekend, one that he says appeals to thrill-seekers of all ages.

Yep, it's the Dueling Chain Saws ice carving competition when professional carvers have a chain saw, one other tool of their choice, a block of ice and 15 minutes to create a sculpture, the subject chosen by audience members.

"It is really exciting," Geitzen said. "I mean the running chain saws, flying ice chips, the crowd's enthusiasm, it is just really something."

Of course, Geitzen admits, he does have some other favorites at the event, too.

"I think the most popular attraction, the one that draws the largest crowds over the weekend, is the fire and ice towers.

"We build large ice chimneys, fill them with wood and light them on Friday and Saturday nights in Kellogg Park. That is really something to see. The fire melts part of the ice in the



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towers and the light refracts. It is really pretty spectacular," he added.

Geitzen, at the helm of the Ice Festival for the fourth time this year,

said that his goal every year is bigger crowds and more attractions. So far, it's

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working, as crowds continue to grow and the popularity of the event just keeps increasing. The past two years, he said, have drawn huge crowds, even when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

"We thought nobody would come last year after that rain, but the crowds just took it all in stride. Attendance was right where we had hoped, which surprised me," Geitzen said.

Timing this year, which is always impacted by the Detroit Auto Show, puts the festival in the first weekend of the New Year and Geitzen said rather than looking at it as too soon, he thinks families can make the Ice Festival an extension of the holidays.

"This is like no other event that happens in Plymouth. I love the events here in general, they are all great, but this one takes a lot more planning and



James Geitzen

has a few more details than some of the others. The Ice Festival, too, is the most expensive event to produce in Plymouth, I suspect," he said. "It costs about \$100,000 to produce this event,

and that all comes from sponsorships and donations. No tax money, no city money is used. It is a real tribute, I think, to the community that we can do this every year."

New this year, Geitzen said, are a couple of attractions he thinks will encourage crowds to attend. The festival will be giving away family tickets to the Opera House production of The Lion King, and there will be horse-drawn carriages throughout town and the petting farm for little ones that is planned for Penniman Street. Geitzen said that the festival would be giving away two sets of four tickets to the Lion King through the festival Facebook page and five more sets during the weekend.

A new attraction this year is the Winter Wonderland Made in Michigan Market that will have vendors in tents along Penniman Avenue selling Michigan made products and mer-



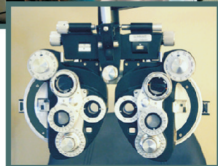
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Geitzen said the response from vendors were great and about 20 agreed to brave the cold temperatures during the weekend.

"The Opera House is putting on Hansel and Gretel at the PARC (Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex) and there will be a warming station there," Geitzen said. "The PARC has several events going on inside where it is warm."

The feature that really attracts participation, Geitzen said, has to be the Sun and Snow ski run where instructors teach children to ski through a specially-designed beginners course.

"They offer all the gear the kids need, lessons, coaching all at no cost. You can't help but smile when you see the kids' faces on the skis."

"I do really enjoy the ice carvers, all the events, but seriously, the best thing about this event, and I say it every

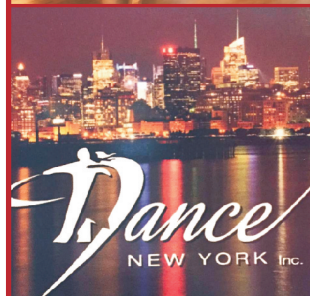


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year, is the sense of community. It's always there at other events, but there is something about the Ice Festival that just seems to really bring that feeling of being a part of a community

home. Seems unusual to say about an event that attracts nearly 100,000 people during the three days, but it's true.

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I think that is the single most appealing quality about this event. People are friendly and smiling and happy and there is just a unique atmosphere," he said.

People shouldn't forget the economic impact this event has on the businesses and merchants, Geitzen said. It was originally conceived more than 34 years ago as a way to lure people out into the cold weather to downtown to visit the restaurants and shops in an effort to boost business in the community.

"It does that, for sure," Geitzen said, "but the impact on our local charities is sometimes overlooked. The festival is almost completely free, but our local charities like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Special Olympics and so many others, really benefit from the parking fees. This event is another big fundraiser



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for these groups that do so much good in the community."

Geitzen also said that many people don't realize that The Party Tent behind E.G. Nick's is one of the major fundraisers for the local Vietnam veterans' groups.

"That \$3 cover charge goes right to the veterans. It's a great time and it is

another event that really gives back to the community."

The 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will take place Jan. 6-8 throughout downtown Plymouth. The event is sponsored by Ford Motor Co., Genysis Credit Union, Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and 93.9 The River.

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Snow angels

Cross country ski demonstrations delight young visitors

When the owners of Sun and Snow on Main Street looked out at Kellogg Park from their store windows a few years ago, they saw a vast expanse of snow-covered ground which meant only one thing to them: an opportunity.

"We just saw that wide open space and thought how perfect it was for cross country skiing," explained Rob Parent, who along with his sister, Heidi, are the second-generation owners of the store.

"That first year we were here we had lots and lots of snow, so we decided it was perfect to demonstrate cross country skiing and get kids involved," he said. "We just want people to



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embrace our state and the climate and enjoy the winter weather we have here," he said.

He's not kidding.

His own son was downhill skiing at 18 months with a pacifier in his mouth and the store currently employs the father of a 15-month-old who is already snowboarding.

"People can't believe what these kids can accomplish at such young ages," Parent said. "Every year when we put the kids on skis in the park and see those smiles, it is just heart-warm-

ing," Parent said. "With most kids, it is just instant joy."

For those new to the festival, Sun and Snow instructors provide professional lessons along with accurately fitted gear for children of all ages to learn to cross country ski on a course they install every year in Kellogg Park.

There is no charge for the gear or the lessons and Parent said that last year they put more than 1,000 young skiers through the course.

And while the kids are grinning and enjoying their new skill and

proud parents are snapping photos, they have no idea that Parent and his employees spend the previous week, 24-hours a day and night, housed in a van at the edge of the park operating snow guns to ensure that there is adequate snow for the attraction.

"We do spend about a week at it," Parent said. "We have a cooler and TV in the van and we just stay on site to babysit the snow guns. We take turns sleeping because we can't let them

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run out of fuel or freeze up the fuel lines," he said. "We consider it winter outdoor camping. This year we will probably start on New Years Eve."

Children line up to have their gear fitted and then take to the small hills and flat trails designed in Kellogg Park to teach them the basics of cross-county skiing.

"The kids love it and they take to it immediately," Parent said.

Costs for the course and instructions are offset somewhat by sponsorship of Blue Cross Blue Care Network, a health care provider also interested in promoting a healthy active lifestyle for residents of all ages. Parent said that the health care giant also sends some volunteers to help at the event.

Sun and Snow has been in Plymouth since 2010 and has been

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offering the skiing lessons during the Ice Festival for five years.

"We want people to enjoy the outdoors and welcome the activities available to them in the snow," Parent said. "We don't want people to hibernate for three months, we want them to get out and enjoy the winter."

He said the store feels like they are accomplishing that when typically a

few weeks after the Ice Festival, entire families will come into the store at 388 South Main St. and rent gear for the whole group to go cross-country skiing.

"That is just so rewarding. That's really why we do it, when we feel like we've helped an entire family find an activity they can enjoy outdoors during the winter.

"We love the snow and we want to share it with everyone," Parent said.

He added that hot chocolate will be served at the store during the festival.

The cross country ski demonstration lessons are available to children of all ages and adults are also welcome to join. "We have rental gear for them, too," Parent said.

Lessons will be available from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call Sun and Snow at (734) 927-0007.



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The Rat Pack

Library offering trip back to swingin' 60s



Chris Ayotte

The Plymouth District Library will once more join other community organizations as an active partner in the annual Plymouth Ice Festival.

A host of free library activities, sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, will take place over the weekend, Jan. 7 - 8, to appeal to festival goers of all ages.

"We are so pleased to be a part of this fine Plymouth tradition," explained Library Director Carol Souchock. "We are anxious to welcome folks back to the library for the upcoming ice festival."

The library is proud to present an Ice Festival Musical Interlude: Chris

Ayotte presents The Rat Pack at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. Musical artist and impersonator, Ayotte will present his Rat Pack-style show, including tributes to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and friends (Nat King Cole, Johnny Carson and others may appear), interspersed with comedy.

The entire family is invited to come into the library and enjoy some hot chocolate, crafts and fun winter activities from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. Activities planned are geared to children ages 5-12, but families are welcome to come along. Drop in - no

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The library will be open for all normal weekend hours during the festival - 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, and from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information on the library go to plymouthlibrary.org and for additional information on the Ice Festival visit plymouthice-festival.com

The library is located at 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.



The ice penguins will be back at the library during the Ice Festival this year.



Family members of all ages enjoyed the library programs during the Ice Festival last year.

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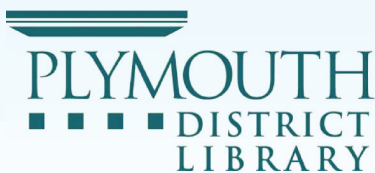
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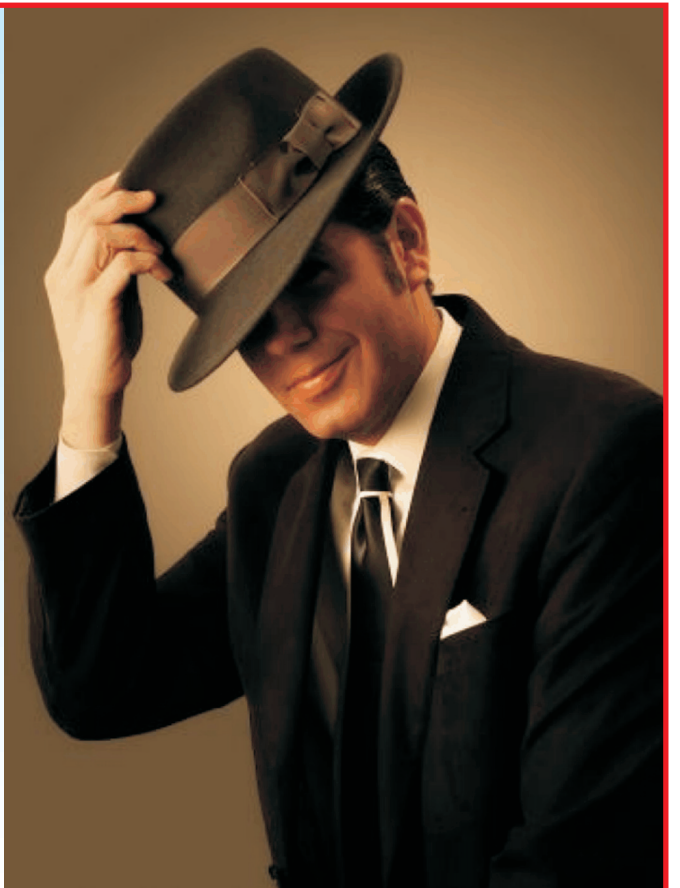
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Winter Wonderland makes debut at Ice Festival

Visitors to the Ice Festival this year will find 20 or so new attractions, lined up along Penniman Avenue just waiting to meet them.

This will be the first year for the Winter Wonderland Made in Michigan Market which Kim and Rick Kelp at the Plymouth General Store helped organize.

"We will have all Michigan-made products," Kim Kelp said. "There are a lot of food vendors registered, selling things like salsa, barbeque sauce, specialty ground coffee and a soup kitchen. There are some art things too, and some clothing, like mittens."

The couple and James Geitzen from JAG



Kim and Rick Kelp

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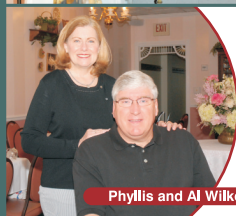


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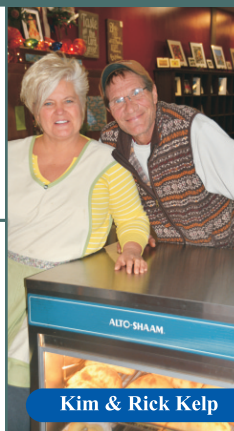
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Entertainment, who organizes the festival each year, had discussed the market as a means of bringing visitors to the festival last year but ran out of time.

The Kelps are familiar with a great number of local farmers markets and knew a large number of vendors who sell items made in the state.

"We contacted several people we knew and the market managers sent out email notices for us letting vendors know applications were available for the Ice Festival," Kelp said. "We got a terrific response and I expect there will be about 20 vendors in tents with their merchandise at the Ice Festival this year."

Kelp said the vendors were coming from as far away as Lansing, Chesterfield and Grand Blanc for the event.

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"We're just going to line up along Penniman in front of the Penn Theater near the Gathering," she said, "you won't be able to miss us."

The inaugural Winter Wonderland Made in Michigan Market will be open from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"If it's too cold, come on in to the

General Store at 472 Forest, we're going to act as a warming station with hot chocolate again this year," Kelp said. The General Store is also the home of U.P. Pasties, which the Kelps own and operate. The aroma of the baking pasties usually fills the air and the Kelps have a difficult time keeping the hand-held meat pies in stock. They usually have an assortment of the traditional lunch fair, including chicken, beef and vegetarian. The Kelps will have a booth up on Main Street selling hot pasties during the festival, too, she added.

"We're already working on the pasties," she said. "Last year, during the three-day Ice Festival, we sold from 3,000 to 5,000 pasties and I expect to sell more this year. When we are done, we will have about 10,000 ready to go at the festival," she said.

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Animal attraction Petting Farm planned on Penniman

Some very popular visitors will return to the Ice Festival on Saturday and Sunday this year, although they will have to bring their own lunches and dinners as even the variety of festival treats for sale won't quite meet their needs.

Animals from Carousel Acres will be on Penniman Avenue during the weekend welcoming visitors of all sizes for a little hands-on affection.

"The animals love it. This is their job and they are all very familiar with people petting them. We will even bring brushes so that the kids can brush the animals, if they choose," said Tammy Iaconelli, the owner of Carousel Acres in South Lyon.

Iaconelli said the cold weather might keep the bunnies and ducks home on the farm, but she expected the miniature horse, the miniature donkey and the alpaca along with the goats and sheep to be at the Ice Festival. "I expect we will bring 12 to 14 animals."

"We won't risk the animals or make them uncomfortable," she said. Carousel Acres has been providing animals for events since 1993 and the entire family, including Iaconelli's husband, Dave, their four daughters, a son-in-law and even grandchildren are accustomed to handling and caring for the animals. The farm also has several employees on hand to ensure the care of the animals and the safety of visitors. The animals visit private birthday parties, nursing homes and entertain during parties at the farm.

"They love going. When it's time to travel, we open the door and they run to the trailer. They're pretty smart and they have done this for so many years," she said. "The goats follow right along, but the sheep aren't that smart," she said with a laugh.

"People love the petting farm especially in the winter," Iaconelli said.

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Learning curve

Student carvers will once again vie for championship

Jeff Lao is counting on Mother Nature this year.

Lao, an adjunct professor in the culinary arts program at Henry Ford Community College, won the Dueling Chainsaws competition as an individual last year and his team of student carvers also won the competition last year.

"The warm temperatures last year were melting the ice nearly as fast as we could carve it," Lao said, "so we are hoping for better weather this year."

The carving competitions are sponsored by Genisys Credit Union which has been serving the Plymouth community for 30 years. The credit



union has sponsored the carving competition for about five years.

Each year, the college team carvers a large display off Main Street in the

Park. This year, Lao said, they have decided on a Pokemon theme for the

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largest ice carving. The four individual team members are planning and designing some of their own carvings including a Seahorse and a Manta Ray, Lao said.

"They are working on their designs right now," Lao said.

Linda Zabik, manager of corporate responsibility at Genisys said that the credit union opted to sponsor the carvers as a way to highlight and support the local community college students and the carving teams.

"This is a wonderful competition allowing students to show their skills and provide amazing entertainment for the festival," Zabik said.

Lao said that while the carvers are all students, they do not have to be enrolled in the culinary program at Henry Ford.

"This is an extra-curricular activity,

It is just spectacular.

*Ice is flying,
the chain saws
are screaming.*

It's great.

James Geitzen

so while most of the club members are in the culinary program, we do have a few members who just love to carve ice and are actually pursuing other degrees," Lao explained.

Lao's individual work has long been a highlight of the festival during the Dueling Chainsaws event.

"You bet I am hoping for a repeat win this year," he said. During the

individual competition, the carvers are each provided a block of ice, their chainsaw and another tool of their choice and have 15 minutes to carve a sculpture on a topic selected by the audience.

Festival producer James Geitzen isn't shy about admitting that the excitement of this event with the ice flying and the carvers chopping away is one of his favorite attractions.

"It is just spectacular," Geitzen said. "Ice is flying, the chain saws are screaming. It's great."

Lao said while he enjoys the competition, the big sculptures by the students are a huge attraction for the crowds.

Zabik agreed and said that staff members from Genisys participate in the awards presentation every year.

"Obviously, the carvers are one of the most popular attractions....This is an exciting time for us, too, to see the



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amazing art pieces created for all to enjoy during the festival and beyond, depending on weather," she said with a smile. "We also promote this wonderful community event through our website community page <https://www.genisyscu.org/about/-making-a-difference> as well as our closed TV monitors in our Michigan branches. With the great participation from community colleges, this is another way for us to connect our members with fun activities in our community," she said. This year, the college carving competition will take place from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday with awards at 1 p.m. The college team carving competition will take place from 8 a.m. until noon on Sunday, with awards at 1 p.m.

Dueling chainsaws is scheduled for 7 p.m. Jan. 8 on the Kellogg Park main stage.

"Genisys Credit Union is extremely proud of our community involve-



ment as we partner with the Plymouth Ice Festival to provide a unique event for the community, as well as providing support to our com-

munity college ice carvers who take this opportunity to express their talents in amazing carving," Zabik concluded.



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Schedule of Events

Opening ceremony and ribbon cutting 7 p.m. Friday Jan. 6

Please join us as we officially open the 2017 Plymouth Ice Festival. City of Plymouth commission members will be in attendance to help cut the ribbon on the 2017 event.

DFCU Financial Lights the Ice

The Plymouth Ice Festival Ice Garden becomes even more magical at night, as the ice carvings glow with color. Join DFCU Financial and the Plymouth Ice Festival each night as they Light The Ice. We will flip the switch during the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Jan. 6.

Winter Wonderland Michigan Market

Come check out Penniman Avenue near The Gathering and Penn Theater for the Winter Wonderland Michigan Market. The market will feature vendors with products and foods from around Michigan. Market hours.

5 to 8 p.m. Friday
11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

The Plymouth Ice Festival Ice Playground

Bring the kids and camera to an all-new attraction at the Plymouth Ice Festival. The Ice Playground is packed full of interactive ice carvings. There will be plenty of opportunities for pictures while the kids play with the ice. This is simply a "must see" at the festival this year.

Petting Farm

Located next to the Ice Playground, the Carousel Acres Petting Farm will be offering a hands-on experience with miniature horses, donkeys, goats, sheep, an alpaca and even a calf. This activity is great for kids or those that are young at heart. There may be more animals, depending on the temperatures.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - weather permitting
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - weather permitting

Dueling Chainsaws Competition at 7 p.m. Saturday Jan. 7

In this great competition ice carvers are given 15 minutes, one block and their chainsaws to create some of the most amazing ice carvings competing for top honors.

IHA Ice Carving Demonstration and Nightly Entertainment

Come watch ice be turned into a wonderful work of art with IHA on Jan. 6, immediately following opening ceremony at 7 p.m. Stay for the live DJ both Friday and Saturday night.

PARC Warming Station,

Winter Artisans Market and Free Family Activities

Feelin' Frozen? Find your way out of the cold and into PARC - The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, located at the corner of Church and Main. The PARC warming station will be open from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, serving FREE hot chocolate, coffee, and snacks.

Winter Artisans Market - PARC Noon until 5 p.m. both

Saturday, Jan. 7 and Sunday, Jan. 8

The Winter Artisan Market is organized by PARC-Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex to celebrate local culture, food, fashion and art during the winter months.

Hansel and Gretel - PARC Two FREE Performances.

At 1 and again at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7
Main Street Opera Theatre presents an abridged version of Hansel and Gretel at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex. Based on the Brothers Grimm classic fairytale, Engelbert Humperdinck's adaptation follows Hansel and Gretel on a journey during which they meet the Sandman, the Dew Fairy, and of course, the Witch. Children will cheer when Hansel and Gretel use their cunning wits and most importantly, their brave hearts to defeat evil and live happily ever after. This production is just under an hour, sung in English, and perfect for the whole family. There will also be crafts for children and kids and pictures with the cast!

Weston Welch - Violinist - PARC Sunday Jan. 8 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Forever After Productions - PARC Sunday Jan. 8 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Forever After Productions along with Dance BEAT Dance Studio will showcase a selection of vocalists and dance performances.

Downtown Music Academy Instructor Performances - PARC Sunday Jan. 8 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Genisys Credit Union College Carving Competitions

The 2016 Plymouth Ice Festival is proud to partner with local colleges and universities to produce the 34th annual college

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carving competition in Kellogg Park. Watch live carving by talented college student participants as they compete to win a place on the podium in their sculpture category. All judging is done by experienced and professional judges.

College Individual Carving Competition will take place from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 7. Awards take place at 1 p.m. College Team Carving Competition takes place from 8 a.m. until noon Sunday, Jan. 8. Awards take place at 1 p.m.

Interactive Ice Sculptures

Get your picture taken with some of the most amazing ice creations around. Make sure you see them all. There are a number of opportunities to take a "selfie" with some remarkable and unique ice sculptures!

Run DTP Plymouth Ice Festival 3 Mile Family Walk/Run

Join us at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 for the RunDTP Plymouth Ice Festival 3 Mile Family Walk/Run in downtown Plymouth Kellogg Park. Gather in the park kitty-corner from Panera by 7:45 a.m. for a group photo at 8 a.m. and we promptly depart at 8:02 a.m. The 3-mile route starts and finishes in Kellogg Park for you to enjoy the ice sculptures before and after. Five and 7-mile routes are available for those wanting to do more. Sun and Snow Sports will have their doors open and provide music, coffee and hot chocolate. Kids, baby joggers, and dogs - all are welcome. No registration required and the event is free. Visit www.RunDTP.com for details on our Plymouth community walking/running group. Make sure to stick around after to watch the Genisys Credit Union College Carving Competitions.

Community Financial Main Stage

The Community Financial Main Stage features live entertainment, awards ceremonies, presentations and music throughout the weekend of the festival.

Fire and Ice Towers

See two basic elements of our world light up the night sky in downtown Plymouth. Fire and ice are combined to create a dazzling display on Friday, Jan. 6 and Saturday, Jan. 7. Ice towers are lit at approximately 7:30 each evening and will burn for approximately 2 hours.

Blue Care Network of Michigan Cross Country Zone presented by Sun and Snow Sports

Bring the family down to Kellogg Park for the opportunity to try cross-country skiing. Seasoned professionals will demonstrate and explain the gear and theory of cross-country skiing - and then give the kids chance to try it for themselves. This feature is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Hot Spot Heated By Ehlers Heating & Air Conditioning

Warm up in style at the Hot Spot, heated by Ehlers Heating

and Air Conditioning. Located under The Gathering directly across from Kellogg Park. The Hot Spot features local vendors, businesses, product demonstrations, a sitting area and (most importantly) lots of heat. The Hot Spot is open during all of the official open hours of the Festival.

Amazing Wintertime Festival Food

One of the best things about being out in the winter is that you work up a great appetite. Enjoy festival favorites like elephant ears, popcorn, roasted almonds and hot chocolate. All food sales on-site can be enjoyed in the warmth of the Warming Station. Tables and chairs are provided all weekend long. Looking for a meal indoors? There are so many wonderful options within downtown Plymouth - from fine dining to a quick bite, candy, cookies and ice cream! Check out www.downtownplymouth.org for a complete restaurant listing and the restaurant guide included in the program book.

Warm up at the Plymouth Library

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 tribute artist and impersonator Chris Ayotte presents his Rat Pack Style Show, including tributes to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and friends (Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Johnny Carson, and others may appear), interspersed with fun-loving comedy.

Drop in and warm up.

9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7

Noon - 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8.

Plymouth Historical Museum

Travel back in time through the Plymouth community and view examples of the American Experience. Learn how the growth of American industry, the advent of the railroad and the invention of the automobile changed America's small towns, especially Plymouth. <http://www.plymouthhistory.org>

Party Lot at EG Nicks on Forest Avenue presented by Miller Light, Sam Adams and Svedka Vodka

For the biggest party in downtown Plymouth, head over to the EG Nicks Party Lot for cold beer, drink specials, and live music. The Party Lot has become the place to be for the evening crowd - and there is always a good time to be had. Visit the front patio to catch some heat, see an awesome ice bar and enjoy some Svedka Vodka specialties and then visit their new lounge with fireplace.

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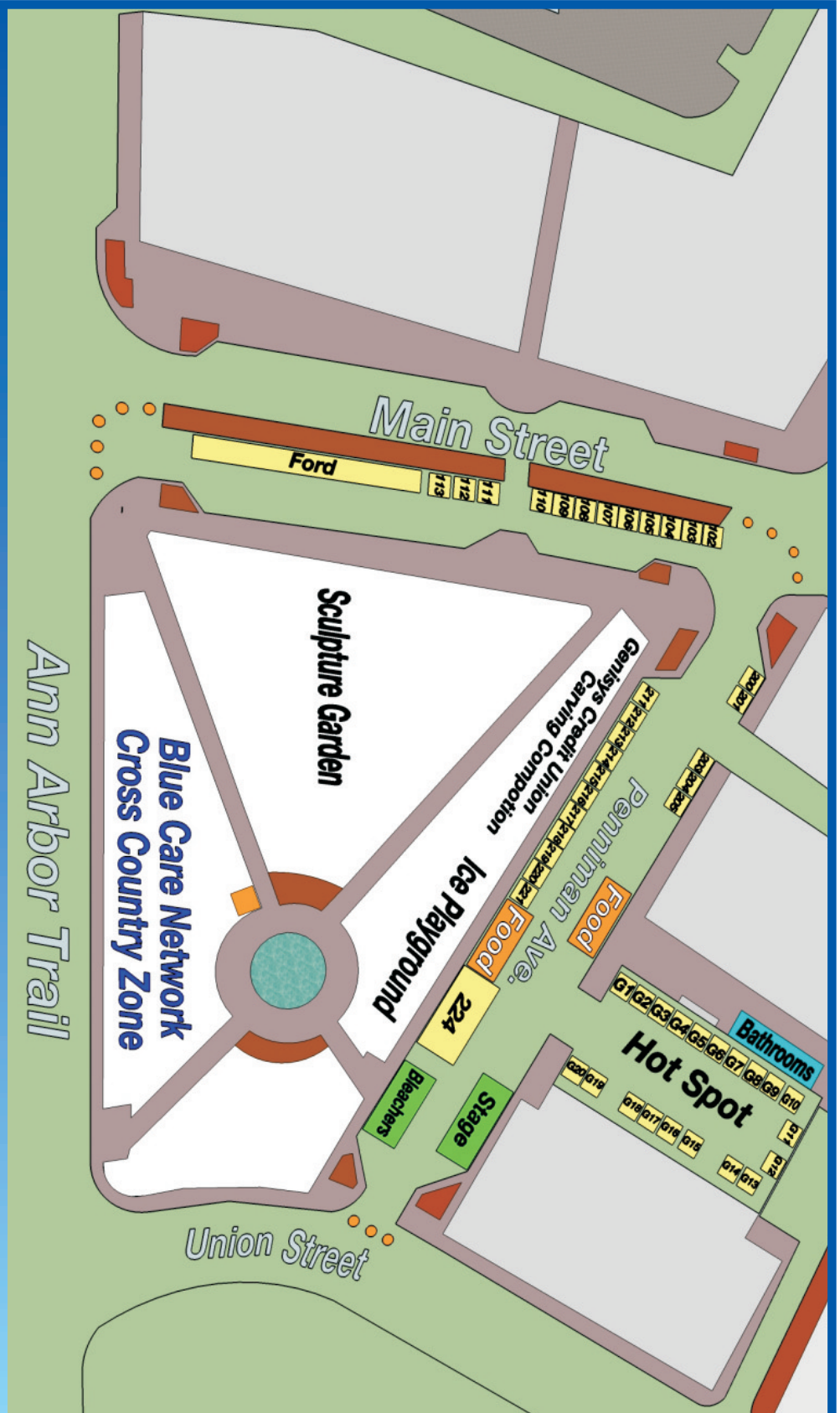
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There are very few things the two artists from Outside the Blox can't carve from ice and even fewer they haven't been asked to replicate.

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And this year the 20-block ice sculpture of the Penn Theater façade may take them a little more time than usual, but Ditto, his professional name, and Paul Nuznov of Outside the Blox, don't expect any problems in creating the large artwork.

The pair will carve many of the sculptures seen throughout the downtown area during the festival this year, in various sizes and depictions of a multitude of subjects.

"We've been partners in the business for about 5 years," Ditto said. "We actually met in the culinary program at Henry Ford and competed in Plymouth as students during the festival years ago," he added.

"Both Paul and I are now professional chefs," Ditto said. "We do the ice carving as a sideline because we enjoy the work." He added that both use their professional carving skills in their respective jobs when the chefs provide



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ice sculptures for banquets and special events such as wedding receptions and showers.

Ditto still serves as a coach for the student team and he and instructor Jeff Lao won the collegiate national ice carving championship in 2012.

Nuznov, also a champion ice carver, noted that the 10-ice block carving of a Svedka Vodka bottle outside E.G. Nick's on Forest Street will be one of the largest he and Ditto sculpt this year, along with the Penn Theater piece. They will also carve the ice bar at the restaurant.

The pair will also compete, they expect, in the Dueling Chainsaw carving competition at 7 p.m. Saturday. "That is always exciting," Ditto said.

The pair have been partners in Outside the Blox for about five years and professional chefs and carvers for about seven. The business, based in Livonia, has provided live demonstrations at the Detroit Zoo and provides ice sculptures for numerous events liked weddings, graduations and corporate events.

They use chainsaws, various sizes of chisels, degraders with specialty bits and other tools to create their artworks. To date, Ditto said, they haven't been asked to do anything too far out of their skill range, although Nuznov said that the working bubble gum machine they created for a 10-year-old's birthday party was quite a challenge. "It was great when it was done. We used those super bouncing balls for bubble gum and they would shoot out of the machine. It was great," Nuznov said.

They also created a full-size Detroit Red Wings hockey player for a party and are often asked to do some interesting shot luges from ice.

Nuznov, 31, is a Dearborn resident while Ditto, 41, and his family reside in Westland. Their families are often amazed by their creations Nuznov said, but can't conceptualize how it happens.

The temporary nature of their creations doesn't bother they pair, they agreed.

"After all, it's real job security," Nuznov said, "and we can always make more."



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This year, as has become a tradition, the huge bar carved of ice, will be on the Forest Street patio where ice cold Svedka Vodka will be served in a variety of flavors and drinks. From there, visitors can step into the ski-lodge setting of the lounge where comfortable couches and chairs surround the cozy fireplace.

"The lounge really went over well last year," noted Frank Agostini, co-owner of E.G. Nicks. "People liked the



Big Ray and the Motor City Kings

comfortable atmosphere and being able to just sit and relax with drinks and enjoy good company. We move all the wine room furniture out and bring

in the couches and fireplace and put up the Svedka Vodka tree, which is fun," he added.

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have such a good time. The spirit during the Ice Festival is just contagious. Everybody has a great time," Agostini said.

The lounge is in addition to the restaurant dining room and bar which will also be open during the festival with a full bar and complete dinner or lunch menu.

The famous Party Tent will also be open again this year in the back parking lot of the restaurant. Entertainment this year will see the return of Big Ray and the Motor City Kings starting at 8 p.m. on Friday and then 50 Amp Fuse at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

"Both these bands have a huge following," Agostini said. "We have had Big Ray entertain several times at the restaurant and for events and he just rocks the place. People love it," Agostini said.

Big Ray Haywood is the Motor City Kings' front man vocalist and musical director. His talent on the saxophone has become the trademark of the group. Westland resident Davey Fender handles the guitar for the group and has played in several local blues and rock acts.

Mike Rupperecht is the keyboardist and also handles vocals. A native of Lincoln Park, he toured and played with Insurrection/David Gerald Band. Brian Gatien plays bass with the band. He is a seasoned musician, who has been playing on the local circuit for the last 30 years.

"They do a great job," Agostini said.



50 Amp Fuse

Saturday night brings Fifty Amp Fuse to the stage in the huge, heated tent. The tribute band is one of the most popular in the area and like Big Ray, has a large following of dedicated fans. The band covers a stellar lineup of musicians who take audiences on a soundtrack tour of the past 50 years in music. The band has played at the North American International Auto Show and the Hard Rock Café at Universal Studios in Orlando.

"People really enjoy them. I think they will be a big draw this year," Agostini said, which is a great thing for the Vietnam Veterans group.

Members of the veterans group sit at the entrance to the tent checking identification and attaching wrist bands. They also collect the \$3 cover charge from patrons.

"The cover charge goes directly to the veterans group," Agostini said. "It's a great fundraiser for them and I think

people appreciate seeing them there. We have folks who put in \$20 or more, knowing that it is for the vets.

"Hey, if anybody deserves a little help, it's these guys for their service," Agostini said. "I'm glad to have them here."

Agostini and Toni Belli, fellow owner of E.G. Nick's, have been made honorary members of the VFW for their help and work with the group who now credit their work at the Party Tent during Plymouth events among their major fundraisers.

While the tent will open for beer and wine service at 7, the music doesn't begin until 8 and will continue until midnight.

"This festival is a really good time. If you haven't been here, you are missing something special. Come have a drink at the ice bar, sit in the lounge, listen to the music. You'll have a great time," Agostini said.

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Center offers warming center, market, live entertainment

Lisa Spielman
Special Writer

While the streets of Plymouth are filled with ice sculptures and the sound of chainsaws fills Kellogg Park, there is a family-friendly hot spot just a short walk from the downtown attractions.

Offering a wide selection of attractions during the 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival is the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, (PARC) located in the former Central Middle School on Main Street.

The facility is offering a warming station with indoor entertainment, fitness, music, a Winter Artisan Market, refreshments and free opera perform-

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There will be two free performances of Hansel and Gretel presented by Main Street Opera Theater, at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

ances of a beloved fairy tale.

The Winter Artisan Market will be located throughout the main floor hallways of the building and be open from noon until 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday during the Ice Festival. Visitors can celebrate local culture, food, fashion and art indoors. Local artisans to be featured include: Simple Threads (DTP

gear), Glazed and Amused Pottery, Al Coucina (packaged meals), Goose Neck Coffee Co., Sweet Bird Kitchen (pie crust crumbles), East Arbor Goods (mugs and bags), Barker Handmade (knits) and Grow Soul (yoga bags).

There will be two free performances of Hansel and Gretel presented by Main Street Opera Theater, at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The show is perfect for the entire family and children of all ages, a spokesman from the group said. The Engelbert Humperdinck adaptation follows Hansel and Gretel on a journey where they meet the Sandman, the Dew

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Facility continues to serve needs of community

Lisa Spielman
Special Writer

Enrich the lives through quality arts, education and recreation programs for all ages is the mission statement that Don Soenen and the board and staff members adhere to as they work to continue the evolution of the repurposed historical Central Middle School into the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

Almost 16 months have gone by since the project began in July of 2015 and according to, "We are moving along at a steady pace into the complex' second phase." Phase two will include building renovations, HVAC system updates and replacing the 191 windows in the building.

"I am very pleased with the progress and community support, I will be focusing my time on moving the design



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Fairy and of course, the Witch. The audience will cheer when the children use their cunning wits and more importantly, their brave hearts, to defeat the witch and live happily ever after. The performance is just under an hour and families will have an opportunity to take photos with cast members, do crafts as well as enter a gingerbread house contest.

Free music and dance performances are featured on Sunday in the PARC theater, including:

Weston Welch, Violinist will perform at 12:30 p.m.

Forever Productions along with Dance BEAT will showcase a selection of vocalist and dance performances from 1:30 -3:30 p.m.

Downtown Music Academy Student Showcase will entertain visitors with a variety of pop and Broadway music selections showcasing some of the students. The showcase will continue from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PARC is located at 650 Church St. on the corner of Church and Main, parking behind the complex (use Adams Street entrance) will be available from noon until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For additional information, contact the PARC office at (734) 474-6792 or www.plymouthparc.com.

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plans and financial efforts forward,” Soenen said.

Currently, 22 full-time tenants rent space at PARC, including the Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra. Soenen said that almost 50 percent of the second floor and all of the first floor is filled with art and recreation-related tenants.

Soenen cannot hide his pride when he mentions the more than 130 musical, opera, theatrical and symphony performances that PARC has housed since 2015.

Executive Director Gail A. Grieger views PARC as “Plymouth’s destination to experience quality art, theater, music, fitness, culinary and recreation activities.

“Walk through PARC’s historic doors into the century-old building where generations of local citizens were educated and encounter a community of talented and diverse organizations who are dedicated to making PARC the place where everyone can experience what is truly amazing about Plymouth,” she said.

Currently PARC is partnering with Proud Mitten, owned by Marlo Bendon, for a venture into culinary arts. The commercial kitchen and teaching kitchens (formerly the home economics classroom) will be used as incubator kitchens for Michigan food makers interested in start-up planning and execution of their products in a licensed and Department of Agriculture approved leasable space.

“Create, collaborate, cook your creation in our space,” said Bendon who admits he is excited about the collaboration potential for clients and vendors that will utilize the kitchen facilities.

Fitness programming has continued to expand at the facility, too.

PARC Aquatics swimming programming for swimmers of all ages and levels has proven popular with the community. PARC offers seniors PARC Social: programs for people age 60+. Seniors are encouraged to sign up, socialize and energize themselves with pay-as-you-go fitness classes, water fitness and Pickleball. In addition to the aqua fit-

ness programs, seniors are invited to Z-Spot Fitness for yoga and low impact Zumba classes that have been modified and designed for seniors.

However, if walking is the exercise of choice, PARC now offers a free certified Social Walking loop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Clydesdale-pulled carriages offer festival 'tours'

Ice Festival visitors will have the opportunity to travel in style, seeing the ice sculptures and attractions from the comfort of a horse-drawn carriage this year.

Warren and Fay Atwell, owners of the oldest Clydesdale farm in the state, will be bringing two teams of the famous horses to Plymouth along with two large carriages to provide rides through the downtown streets.

The Atwells have been raising Clydesdales for more than 46 years at their Flushing farm and will travel the 70 miles Friday, Saturday and Sunday bringing the gentle giants to Plymouth.

"We will trailer the carriages down on Friday and leave them over the

weekend," Warren Atwell said, "but the horses will go back home in trailers every night for a good feed and a nice rest."

Atwell will be driving one of the carriages himself and his granddaughter will probably handle the reins at the other.

"It's a family business," Atwell said, "and we all love it."

The horses have lots of experience at festivals and events and are old hands at making their way through crowds," Atwell explained. Most recently, one of the carriages he is bringing was used in the Thanksgiving Day parade in Chicago and ferried one of the Disney princesses along the

route in front of about a million admirers.

"One year we carried Donald Duck and Daisy for Disney during the lighted parade," Atwell said.

These carriages are called "people movers" or "trolleys" Atwell said and will seat 15 to 20 people. The rides will travel through town and can be boarded at Main Street near Penniman.

Cost to ride is \$5 per person, Atwell said.

The horse-drawn carriage rides will be available from 4-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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While visitors fill the streets of the town during the annual Ice Festival, they also discover some of the best meals to be found anywhere in the local and nearby restaurants. Visitors have been known to travel back to the Plymouth area for that special pastistio or the cedar-planked whitefish or even that burger that was simply the best ever.

From American to just about any ethnicity, Plymouth offers varied and diverse culinary choices with one enduring theme. Good food, served well brings local residents and visitors from miles away back again and again to these local establishments that have proven reputations as leaders in food service.

These are some of our very favorite places all offering something special to please diners. Enjoy!



Connor's Family Dining II 15356 N. Haggerty Road Plymouth (734) 420-1141



Connor's Family Dining, in business since 1965, opened a second location on the southeast corner of Five Mile and Haggerty Road in 2008. The family has been in the restaurant business for more than 50 years and continues to serve great comfort foods from scratch. Connor's is known for quality homemade food at reasonable prices served in a comfortable setting by a fast and friendly staff.

During the week, Connor's offers more than 15 breakfast specials from which to choose. There are also lunch specials priced from \$4.99, great salads, half sandwich and soup specials, and delicious dinner specials like homemade pot roast, meatloaf, city chicken, stuffed cabbage and lasagna, along with many others.

Connor's serves five different soups every day and also features homemade desserts and their famous homemade pies to top off any meal. The generous portions and reasonable prices have made the restaurant a favorite throughout the area.

Connor's also offers senior citizen discounts.

Connor's is open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sundays.



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E.G. Nick's
500 Forest Ave.
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(734) 414-6400

One of the most popular places in town is always E.G. Nick's on Forest Street where owners Tony Belli and Frank Agostini want everyone to have a good time.

"We hope everybody comes by during the Ice Festival to enjoy the live music and the Party Lot in the back parking lot during the weekend," Agostini said. "That's what we're here for."

This year, Big Ray and the Motor City Kings will entertain in the tent beginning at 8 p.m. Friday and Fifty Amp Fuse will perform Saturday. The entertainment will continue until midnight. There will be a \$3 cover charge at the tent both nights which will be donated to the Plymouth Canton Vietnam Veterans group.



There will be beer, wine and mixed drinks served in the tent both Friday and Saturday nights, Agostini added. E.G. Nick's will also be the site of the famous Svedka Ice Bar on what is usually the front patio. This year, it has been converted into a lodge where folks can sit down and enjoy the specialty drinks from the bar carved completely from ice.

E.G. Nick's has become one of the favorite restaurants in the area offer-

ing American cuisine with a bit of a twist. The new individual specialty pizzas on a unique crust are what many feel pizza really ought to be and the unique pear and spinach salad has been attracting the lunch crowd.

The planked whitefish at E.G. Nick's has been named the best in the state by food critics and the ribs are also award winners.

"We keep the favorites that people love and try to add some new, updated current items to the menu, to keep it fresh," Agostini said. "Our special lunch dishes usually sell out."

Visitors also enjoy the display of celebrity memorabilia, guitars and photos tastefully displayed in E.G. Nick's where many diners have discovered celebrities sitting in the next booth or at the longest bar in Plymouth, where a full menu of specialty cocktails and huge selection of beers is available.

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The friendly atmosphere includes a popular Karaoke night on Fridays.

Specials include dinner for two for \$15.95 Sunday through Thursday and daily lunch and dinner specials. On Saturday, Four Friends features a 12-ounce Prime Rib with choice of a side dish for \$15.95 from 4-11 p.m. There

are lunch and dinner specials Monday through Saturday, including a 10-ounce New York strip steak for \$11.95 all day, every day.

In addition, Happy Hour takes place from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and bucket specials during all home team games, excluding Friday and Saturday.

Four Friends is a fun, neighborhood place where everyone is welcome and there is always something to enjoy on the wide menu of favorite dishes and offers one free kid's meal with one paid adult entree on Sundays and Mondays.

Four Friends continues to attract a large crowd of regulars who enjoy the good food and great atmosphere.

Greek Islands Eatery
306 South Main St.
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(734) 335-6303

The Greek Island Eatery located



downtown on Main Street across from Kellogg Park is not just a typical family restaurant, although the Coney Island Hot Dogs made at the eatery have rapidly become the favorite of many locals.

The menu includes American favorites along with many homemade Greek specialties including moussaka, pastitsio, spinach pie and gyros. They also serve a wide array of salads, pitas,



Welcome to Hermann's Olde Town Grille. Nick Hermann opened the OTG in September 2003. Since then, Nick and his family have worked to create a neighborhood bar and grill that the people of Plymouth can enjoy. Hermann's goal is to provide good food, good service, a friendly atmosphere and good times for their customers.

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sandwiches and burgers, all at great prices. Recently, several new items have been added to the menu.

The restaurant offers carry outs and has a banquet room and offers catering.

The remodeled interior with paintings on the high ceilings always draws admiring comments from visitors and the atmosphere is always friendly and welcoming. The wait staff is always prompt and courteous and locals have come to depend on the quick service. Greek Islands Eatery is also family friendly, offering accommodations for children and families.

There is additional parking behind the restaurant.

Hermann's Old Town Grille
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The OTB (Old Town Burger) comes in a variety of configurations, all of which have made Hermann's famous.

Owners Nick and Sally Hermann provide good food and a very comfortable atmosphere where people can really enjoy themselves and relax. Hermann's, which is identified by the large drooling moose painted on the outside of the building, is also available for parties, birthdays and other special events with an emphasis on fun.

Hermann's is a Plymouth tradition,

beloved by regulars and a treat for visitors.

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For a napkin-testing burger, visit the vintage diner-style Burger Loft, located above The Inn at St. John's Pro Shop. Making burger history since summer 2013. The Burger Loft offers crisp salads, house-cut fries, and, of course, burgers done right. The Open during golf season from 4-9 p.m. on Mondays, and from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The loft is closed Sundays.

Karl's Cabin
6005 Gotfredson Road
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(734) 455-8450

Built in the 1940s, Karl's Cabin is truly a Michigan Made log cabin road-house restaurant, bar and grill.

Located just minutes west of downtown Plymouth and just east of Ann Arbor, the restaurant is a favorite of patrons from throughout the area.

Guests can enjoy rustic charm, friendly service and a large menu including hand-cut grilled steaks, fresh seafood, BBQ, fresh pasta, big salads, burgers, artisan sandwiches and daily chef-created features. Slow roasted prime rib is served every Friday and Saturday night. Dinners are priced from \$8 to \$20 while lunch prices range from \$6 to \$15.

Karl's offers 20 Michigan craft beers on draft including Bell's, Founders and Short's. The extensive wine list includes 60 wines to choose from with many wines from Michigan.

Karl's has an outdoor patio and entertainment includes dueling pianos and live bands on weekends.

Karl's also offers several specialty evenings including wine and beer din-

ners and other themed events.

Reservations are recommended.

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lounge. The restaurant is famous for offering a fine dining experience in a relaxed, yet elegant, atmosphere. Service is always excellent by a well-trained staff familiar with the menu and able to answer any questions diners might have.

Live entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. in the lounge Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Reservations are recommended as this is one of the most popular places in the area with a well-earned reputation for excellence and superior quality.

Leo's Coney Island
41496 Ann Arbor Road
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The family recipe for the famous Greek Salad dressing along with the chili and other great homemade items has been the backbone of success for Leo's Coney Island. The Stassinopoulos brothers, Leo and Pete, have built a reputation for quality food and service.

Leo's Coney Island has evolved from a limited menu offering the basics of Coney Islands, fries, burgers and Greek Salads to a wide menu. Selections include a full line of items for the whole family including Greek specialties, breakfast, and a children's menu. Today, Leo's Famous Greek Salad Dressing can be found in specialty markets and local grocery stores. However, throughout the years, Leo's has not strayed from the formula of serving the highest-quality products and giving great service to customers. Leo has made it his mission to provide the experience of a Coney Island, while also offering delicious homemade soups and family favorites.

Leo's is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday through

Tuesday and 24 hours Wednesday through Saturdays.

Station 885
885 Starkweather
Old Village, Plymouth
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Station 885 has become a tradition throughout the Plymouth area. After nearly three decades of serving great meals to families, they are obviously on the right track, according to owner Rob Costanza.

The Costanza family prides themselves on a fresh menu but never forgets the traditional dishes which have made Station 885 part of countless family events and celebrations during the past 30 years. They serve fresh Mama Mucci pasta and hand-cut steaks along with a selection of fresh fish and great salads.

Every Monday through Wednesday, the restaurant offers half-off prices on bottles of wine and there are dinner specials from the kitchen nightly.

The restaurant is located adjacent to the railroad tracks in historic Old Village and the theme seems appropriate.

Youngsters of all ages are always delighted when the bell sounds for an oncoming train passing by. The electric model trains also add a special ambiance.

Station 885 is open from 11 a.m. until midnight Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant also offers a special Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. which includes various breakfast items along with prime rib, fresh shrimp, salads, fruits and made-to-order crepes and omelets.

Station 885 offers live entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and has banquet facilities for parties from 20-80 guests.



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